

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 8-21 are pending for the Examiner's consideration, with claims 8, 12, 16, and 19-21 being the independent claims. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 19-21 have been added. New claim 19 corresponds to allowable claim 3 written in independent form. New claim 20 corresponds to allowable claim 6 written in independent form. New claim 21 corresponds to allowable claim 7 written in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendment introduces no new matter.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 5 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,849,893 to Lobberding *et al.* Claims 1-7 have been cancelled herein, thereby rendering this rejection moot. The Examiner also indicated that claims 8-18 are allowed, and claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. As noted above, new claims 19-21 correspond to claims 3, 6, and 7, respectively, written in independent form. Accordingly, pending claims 8-21 are either allowed or allowable, and, as such, Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment be entered.

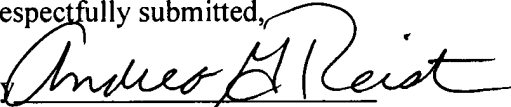
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing remarks demonstrate that entry of these amendments places the present application in condition for allowance, and in better form for consideration on appeal. All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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